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OVER CIA INVOLVEMENT

College Drops National Student Unit Ties

SWARTHMORE — Swarthmore College's student council said Friday it is suspending payment of its 1967 dues to the National Student Association "pending a complete investigation of NSA's effectiveness on our campus and its involvement with the Central Intelligence Agency."

The student government, in a letter to the NSA, called for a seven-point investigation of the NSA's relationship with the CIA.

An NSA spokesman in Washington, D.C., said the Swarthmore College student group's decision to suspend payment of dues was the first such action taken against the national student group.

"This is the only college action concerning suspension of dues to my knowledge," the spokesman said. "It is also the most excessive action taken in regards to the NSA-CIA relationship."

Other Delaware County area colleges associated with NSA include Haverford College, Bryn Mawr College, Temple University and West Chester State College.

Villanova University and PMC Colleges are not affiliated with the national student organization.

The NSA spokesman said the letter from Swarthmore College's student council "was a good strong letter asking for the kind of honesty that we think is demanded."

He said, however, some of the information requested "is not yet available and may never be available."

The spokesman promised NSA would continue its investigation into the relationship.

Since recent disclosure of the CIA's link with the student organization, the intelligence agency has withdrawn its support of NSA activities.

In the letter to NSA, the Swarthmore College group said it "voted unanimously" to suspend payment of its dues for 1967 until an investigation was made and the local group notified of the results.

The letter, mailed last Sunday, said the local body wants the following information:

- A detailed account of the amount of annual receipts since 1950 of funds from the CIA and the purpose for which they were appropriated.

- A full description of channels by which the CIA funds were diverted to NSA and a list of all private and public foundations by which this was accomplished.

- A full accounting of all sources of funds for any activity or organization affiliated with NSA in which CIA funds were involved.

- An explanation of how activities formerly financed by the CIA currently are being financed; a list of activities which were dropped as connections with the CIA were terminated; and a list of former CIA affiliated organizations that are still in operation.

- The reasons why NSA decided to accept CIA support including detailed explanations of the manner in which connections with the CIA were begun, continued and finally ended.

- A definite statement of by what person or persons and in what capacity the action was taken to accept CIA funds, in-

cluding minutes of all meetings at which connections with the CIA were discussed.

- An elaboration of the present policy of NSA towards the CIA and toward other sources of funds in general.

"In addition," the letter stated, "we challenge the structure of an organization in which it is possible for a small minority to make policy decisions with such far-reaching ramifications as the decision to be affiliated with the CIA."

"The National Student Association should examine the nature of its decision-making process and adopt structural guarantees against the recurrence of covert relationships and protect against the decision-making of a non-representative elite."

"We trust you will give these matters your fullest and immediate attention as they will directly affect Swarthmore College's decision to remain a member of the National Student Association," the letter said.

The NSA spokesman said it will "take some time before an investigation deeper into the relationship will be completed. Of course there is the possibility too of running up against residue of the relationship in terms of individuals or records no longer available or even destroyed."

Referring to the Swarthmore letter, the spokesman pledged that the student association is "continuing the investigation and hopes to come up with answers to these questions."

"Among the most unlikely for

clear and simple answers are questions about finances," the spokesman said. "Unfortunately this is at the heart of the matter."

The spokesman said although Swarthmore asked for an account of annual receipts from the CIA since 1950, the NSA has only had a relationship with the CIA since 1952.

The spokesman said Swarthmore isn't likely to get the names of individuals involved in the NSA-CIA relationship.

"At least for the present, neither the officers nor the national advisory board consider it important, necessary or reasonable to name names in order to completely research and understand the relationship," he said.

The spokesman said NSA has "completely severed" its relationship with the CIA and "from this point forward sources of all the association's financing will be made readily available to anyone who asks for it."